

## **BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER**

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Building naming, “Robert and Sandy Ellis Liberal Arts and Sciences Building” | Nevada State College

**MEETING DATE:** March 4-6, 2020

### **2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:**

#### **Background**

The existing Liberal Arts and Sciences Building on campus was constructed in 2008.

#### **Request**

Nevada State College requests that the current Liberal Arts and Sciences Building be named the “Robert and Sandy Ellis Liberal Arts and Sciences Building”. The Ellis’s are strong advocates of the institution. Robert and Sandy have been donors to Nevada State since 2004 and are passionate about the College. A long-time supporter of his hometown, Bob and Sandy were recognized by the Henderson City Council in 2009 for their support of the College, and CCSD schools. They were named Distinguished Nevadans by the Nevada System of Higher Education in 2015.

K-12 education is another passion. They have been involved at nearly a dozen CCSD schools, provided holiday presents, financial contributions to the schools, and basic supplies for students. In 2018, they were recognized for their efforts with the opening of the Robert and Sandy Ellis Elementary School.

The Ellis’s received the President’s Medal from the College in 2011. The building name was selected based on a contribution to the College from Robert and Sandy.

### **3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:**

Request approval of the Board of Regents for naming of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Building located on the main Nevada State College campus at 1300 Nevada State College Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89002.

### **4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):**

The Ellis’s have now donated or pledged over \$2 million dollars including a recent \$600,000 cash gift that was used as part of the College match for the Engelstad School of Health Sciences Building.

### **5. CHECK THE NSHE STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THIS REQUEST:**

- Access (Increase participation in post-secondary education)
- Success (Increase student success)
- Close the Achievement Gap (Close the achievement gap among underserved student populations)
- Workforce (Collaboratively address the challenges of the workforce and industry education needs of Nevada)
- Research (Co-develop solutions to the critical issues facing 21<sup>st</sup> century Nevada and raise the overall research profile)
- Not Applicable to NSHE Strategic Plan Goals

**INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTS THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL**

**6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

- The new name recognizes Robert and Sandy Ellis for their support of the mission of Nevada State College.
- The gift level meets Nevada State College's expectation of contribution amount for renaming an existing building.

**7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

None

**8. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:**

None

**9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:**

**10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

Consistent with Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 10 Section # 26 (3)

Amends Current Board Policy: Title # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Other: NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual, Chapter 1, Section 2 (2)

Fiscal Impact: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_